

### **REMARKS**

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submits the changes identified above and is further responsive in any manner indicated below.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification has been amended to update the section identifying all related applications.

### **PENDING CLAIMS**

Original Claims 1-10 submitted with the present application are cancelled herein (without prejudice or disclaimer), and new Claims 11-28 are presented herein to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, the amendments to the claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 11-28 will be pending for examination in this application.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to

maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

### EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area telephone 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

### CONCLUSION

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims now pending for examination and consideration are in condition for allowance, and an early Notice to that effect is courteously requested.

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to mailing of a first Action on the merits in the above case, and does not interfere with the preparation of a first Action on the merits, and is therefore timely. No Petition or extension fee is possible or required, and no additional claim fees are necessary for entry of this paper. Please charge any actual shortage in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 503.39455VX1).

Respectfully submitted,



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